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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1.-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A tool for configuring or designing, or programming, the tool comprising:

- a storage unit for storing a control program;
- an operating unit for inputting operator commands;
- a computer; and

a display for displaying a graphic user interface having a first navigation area, a second navigation area, and a data area, wherein

the first navigation area is an area, in which the sub-tasks and work steps associated with a project can be displayed in a hierarchically organized manner, wherein

the second navigation area is an area, in which individual work steps associated with the project can be displayed in their processing sequence, and wherein;

(i) a required work step can be selected in the first navigation area and/or in the second navigation area; and

(ii) activities of configuring or designing can be performed in a display area in the second navigation area.

16. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein the first navigation area is an area with a tree structure.

17. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein the first navigation area provides an overview of the project in a tree structure.

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18. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 16, wherein the first navigation area provides an overview of the project in a tree structure.

19. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein the elements displayed in the first navigation area are displayed in the form of as an alphanumeric display.

20. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 16, wherein the elements displayed in the first navigation area are displayed in the form of as an alphanumeric display.

21. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 17, wherein the elements displayed in the first navigation area are displayed in the form of as an alphanumeric display.

22. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein the elements displayed in the second navigation area are each displayed in alphanumeric and graphic form.

23. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 16, wherein the elements displayed in the second navigation area are each displayed in alphanumeric and graphic form.

24. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 17, wherein the elements displayed in the second navigation area are each displayed in alphanumeric and graphic form.

25. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein once the a required work step has been completed, selected, command elements can be selected to display, input or change data associated with processing said work step -is displayed in the data area-.

26. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein once the required work step has been completed, selected, the an alphanumeric display in the first navigation area corresponding to the completed selected work step and the an alphanumeric and graphic display in the second navigation area corresponding to the completed selected work step are visually marked.

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27. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein the tool is adapted for configuring or ; designing , or programming an installation or technical composition.

28. (previously presented) The tool according to Claim 22,wherein the data displayed in the data area is displayed in the form of a list containing selectable list elements.

29. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 28, wherein a button is assigned to each selectable list element, which can be clicked on to superimpose a window corresponding to an assistant for a selected element, ~~on the current display~~, the window containing help information, or prompting the inputting of parameters relating to configuring or designing .

30. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 15, wherein status indicators, ~~are provided~~ in each of the navigation areas, ~~the status indicators containing provide~~ information about whether or not a user has completed a work step, ~~has already been completed~~.

31. (currently amended) The tool according to Claim 30, wherein the status indicators further contain information about whether or not ~~the~~ a data selection made in a work step has resulted in a non-permitted status.

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32. (currently amended) A method for configuring or designing and/or programming an installation, the method comprising:

providing a graphic user interface displayed on a display, the graphic user interface having at least two navigation areas and a data area, wherein a first navigation area being an area in which the sub-tasks and work steps associated with a project can be displayed in a hierarchically organized manner, and wherein a second navigation area being an area in which individual work steps which a user performs through a graphical user interface are displayed in their processing sequence;

selecting a work steps step to configure or design the installation by navigating in the first or in the second navigation area; and

performing the work steps in conjunction with

(i) visually marking display elements associated with the selected work step in the first and in the second navigation area; and

(ii) displaying data associated with the selected work step in the data area.

33. (previously presented) A digital storage medium comprising a control program adapted for interacting with a computer, an operator unit, and a display for performing the method according to Claim 32.